

MAYORAL COLUMN

CHRISTMAS TIME

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone Kirihimete Koa – Merry Christmas.

I am sure whānau throughout our district will be planning for their Christmas and New Year breaks.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful district with an abundance of natural resources that we can enjoy.

Wairoa has wonderful beaches, rivers and lakes for swimming, fishing and play and other recreational activities.

It was great to be involved in the recent Wairoa Christmas Parade



Mayor Craig Little

and see the main street come alive with a range of floats that paraded through town.

A special thanks to all who made this happen. It takes a lot of time to prepare the floats and I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers who worked behind the scenes, especially the traffic management team, who gave their time to ensure the event was run safely.



The Christmas festivities will continue tomorrow night, Friday, December 20th, with late night shopping and market along Marine Parade from 5-8pm and Christmas Carols on the Lighthouse Green from 6-8pm.

LOOKING BACK

As we move into 2020 it is great to be able to look back at the highlights we have enjoyed over 2019.

I BELIEVE OUR BIGGEST ENABLER HAS BEEN FUNDING WE HAVE RECEIVED, AND ARE STILL TO RECEIVE, THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL GROWTH FUND.

The Honourable Shane Jones, who is the Minister of Regional Economic Development, is a Wairoa supporter and has been backing the many initiatives coming out of our town because he believes in what we can achieve.

We have received Central Government funding for roading, bridges, tourism and employment and there are more funding announcements to be made.

THE PGF HAS BEEN A MASSIVE GAME-CHANGER FOR WAIROA. THE INITIATIVES BEING SUPPORTED ARE NOT JUST FROM COUNCIL. THEY ARE APPLICATIONS MADE BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE A VISION.

People who want Wairoa to be the best it can be and people who are prepared to work hard to make change happen.

I am proud of the behind the scenes work that has been ongoing throughout 2019 which will enable Wairoa to welcome in a new decade from a much stronger foundation than we ever have before.

By Central Government's measure Wairoa is one of the most deprived communities in the country.

However, we are rich in culture and aroha. I just look around at our caring and compassionate community. The community that digs deep and looks after each other.

THESE GESTURES ARE IMMESURABLE, THEY ARE SIMPLY WHO WE ARE, AND IT IS THIS KIND OF MANAAKITANGA THAT IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

I would also like to acknowledge our new Council elected in October 2019.

Deputy Mayor Hine Flood along with Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Jeremy Harker, Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Melissa Kaimoana and Danika Goldsack are already demonstrating what a great team they are.

I look forward to starting a new decade with this committed and enthusiastic group.

I would also like to thank Council's chief executive Steven May and Council staff who have helped to keep our district ticking. Our focus has been on our customers and providing the best service we can.

We have identified areas we needed to improve, and evaluations have shown we are doing a better job. I know there are times when it can be challenging for staff and I thank you all for the effort you put in.

Finally, to the Wairoa community. May you all have a safe and happy Christmas and all the best for a prosperous new decade.

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON

Tuesday 24th December 2019, 12.00pm
until
Monday 6th January 2020, 8.00am

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FREEDOM CAMPING

The new freedom camping bylaw has been in effect since 1st November. There are some changes to freedom camping areas.

For more information visit the Wairoa District Council website

www.wairoadc.govt.nz, search for #freedomcamping



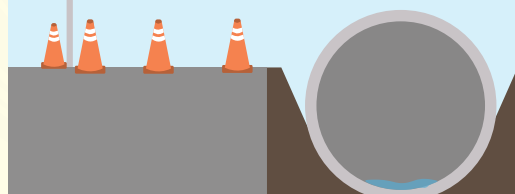
KITCHENER STREET STORMWATER DRAIN UPGRADE

STAGE 1 - 21 OCTOBER TO 20 DECEMBER 2019

There will be a one-way only system in place, in stages between Robbie's Dairy-Rutherford St and Rutherford St-Achilles St.

Residents will only be able to turn left out of their driveways when the closure is adjacent to their driveway.

ONE-WAY ONLY



WAIROA CHRISTMAS MARKET
SHOPPING AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 20TH

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING & MARKET 5-8PM
CAROLS AT THE LIGHTHOUSE 6-8PM